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In re Application of: Brian P. Belliveau et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: Thao T. Tran

For: **MULTILAYERED ARTICLE HAVING BIOCOMPATIBILITY AND BIOSTABILITY CHARACTERISTICS**

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AMENDMENT AND ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004 regarding the above-identified application. Also, a request for a one-month extension of time is included, together with the required fee of \$120.00.

The amended claims are as follows: